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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 11 and 15, 16, 19 and 20) in response to the Restriction Requirement of January 30, 2003.

Applicants traverse the requirement to the extent of requesting that claims in Group II that correspond to allowable Group I claims be reinstated for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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